

## **WORK SESSION/BOARD MEETING**

January 6, 2004

Present: Mayor Guy Barriger

Comm: Dr. Glenn P. Deal Sr., Comm. Bob Phillips, & Comm. George Holleman

The regular work session was opened for business by Mayor Barriger at 7:00 p.m.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Holleman. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Deal to approve the following additions to the agenda. Add item 6a- Salvation Army; item 12a- Town's ETJ; 12b- Cemetery Plots; 12c- Towns Revenue & Expense Reports. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Deal to adopt the agenda. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve the minutes of December 2, 2003 regular meeting. Passed unanimously.

Angie Blevins and Glenda Canipe, representatives of the Salvation Army came before the Town Board regarding the ongoing problem of unwanted items being left on their loading dock after store hours. Citizens are also going through the items left and rifling them around creating a larger mess. They were seeking possible solutions for the problems. Suggestions were made to install a gate around the dock and post illegal dumping signs and install a video camera and prosecute once caught on tape. It was also suggested to contact Alexander County inquiring about a possible reduced fee to the Salvation Army at the landfill to remove the unwanted items. An ordinance prohibiting illegal dumping will be reviewed.

A water & sewer rate study prepared by Brad Bucy of Hobbs & Upchurch Engineering Firm was presented to the Town Board. The three previous fiscal years of the enterprise fund were studied. Items discussed were the enterprise fund's ability to be a stand-alone entity that generates a profit and can sustain debt service for the Newton water purchase agreement and the ability to make improvements and /or repairs to the water and or sewer systems as needed. Existing water and sewer rates were looked at and suggestions regarding increases were made. The complete study will be ready on February 15, 2004.

Waste Water Treatment Plant – Planning Discussion

Discussion of expansion of the existing wastewater treatment plant was opened. Two different

parcels of land adjacent to the existing plant have been inspected by West & Associates Engineering Firm. The best parcel identified is 3.12 acres. The second alternative acreage is larger but less desirable. Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Deal to allow Town Manager David Odom to open negotiations with the owners of the 3.12 acres for an amount of \$10,000.00 but no more than \$12,000.00 per acre for the 3.12 acres. If terms cannot be reached, then Mr. Odom is to contact the second property owners with the same offer for the same amount of acreage. Passed unanimously.

Public Works Director, David Robinette brought up for discussion the Town's Brush & Limb Policy. Suggestions were made that a permit would be issued for "for-hire" people or businesses that perform any tree trimming etc. activities for town citizens. This should eliminate the Town's problem of determining how the limbs/trees were cut. David is to have more information at the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to contact Attorney Karen Brzykcy regarding delinquent town taxpayers. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to declare the following as surplus vehicles. There is other property with values less than \$5000.00 such as abandoned bicycles that are to be donated to charity. The surplus vehicles are as follows:

1. 1997 Ford Crown Victoria VIN# 2FALP71W4VX111668
2. 2000 Ford Crown Victoria VIN# 2FAFP71WXYX199062
3. 2000 Ford Crown Victoria VIN# 2FAFP71WXYX199059
4. 1995 Chevy 1500 Truck VIN# 1GCEC14Z5SZ208157

Passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

By unanimous consent the next meeting will be January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion of special medical allowances in the ETJ was tabled until the next meeting. Several plans of possible sewer expansion along Hwy 64 and Boston Road were discussed. Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to install a wet well and obtain a pump & haul permit in order to service the new Church at Hwy 64 and Boston Road. Passed unanimously. Staff is to look into grant possibilities for the area regarding the sewer expansion.

Town Planner, Jon Pilkenton brought before the Town Board a map of the Town's sidewalks with areas divided into categories of need. Several areas were identified as needing attention.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to increase the cost of the Town cemetery plots effective March 1, 2004. Rates for inside residents will be \$350.00 and for outside

citizens will be \$550.00 per plot. Passed unanimously.

Discussion of the expense and revenue reports was tabled until the next meeting.

The 6month evaluation of the Town Manager was conducted.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

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ATTEST:

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Yolanda Prince  
Town Clerk